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SUBJECT: NATIONAL EXPORT POLICY

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1. THE GROWTH OF U.S. EXPORTS TO LESOTHO IS CONSTRAINED BY THE ECONOMIC AND GEOGRAPHICAL SITUATIONS. LESOTHO IS ONE OF THE TWENTY-FIVE POOREST COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND HAS A POPULATION OF JUST OVER ONE MILLION. THE IMPORT MARKET IS ENTIRELY DOMINATED BY SOUTH AFRICA, WHICH SURROUNDS LESOTHO. LESOTHO'S ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. ARE LIMITED TO GRANT AID, INCLUDING A LARGE PL-480 TITLE II PROGRAM, SEVERAL AGRICULTURAL SECTOR PROJECTS AND A PROPOSED MAJOR MOUNTAIN ROAD CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

2. ALTHOUGH LONG-TERM ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LESOTHO MAY ONE DAY OPEN A SMALL MARKET FOR U.S. EXPORTS, THAT DAY IS FAR OFF AND NO EFFORT TO PROMOTE COMMERCIAL EXPORTS TO LESOTHO WOULD BE WARRANTED NOW OR IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.
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